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Quaecumque Vera.

ALBERTA RE-UNION AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The walls of the Faculty Union in Toronto University echoed to the startling notes of the Alberta yell for the second time, when ex-instructors, graduates and undergraduates met on Saturday evening, December 7, in the eastern city to have an alumni meeting.

Under the able management of our old friend, Norman A. Clark, fully twenty-five old U. of A. men and women sat down to a "sumptuous repast," and let mirth run riot till the wee hours.

Dr. and Mrs. Fairly graced the head of the board together with Mr. Woodhead, and reminiscences were the topics of the day.

After Dr. Fairley had proposed the toast to the King, the toast to our Alma Mater was proposed in a stirring manner by Tom Taylor and enthusiastically drunk by all. Fulton Gillespie replied. This was followed by the toast to Our Soldiers, proposed by Mr. Woodhead in his usual manner and responded to by M. E. Tiffin, who regaled the meeting with anecdotes of trench life and referred especially to the great appreciation with which the Comforts Club parcels and Mr. Edwards' news letter had been received over there.

Adjourning from the table, the evening was spent in teaching the ladies how to play billiards (Fisher as coach) and in having a real heart-to-heart chat with every one.

Years from '13 to '20 were represented, and great promise was shown of a permanent alumni in Toronto—an earnest of the college spirit which is to mark Alberta men throughout the Dominion.

The party ended with the singing of Old Lang Syne, and everyone expressed the determination of having frequent meetings

Aue Atque Vale.

The most daunting thing about Death is his ruthlessness; "comes the blind fury with the accursed shears, And slits the thin-spun life" of those whom in our judgment we least could spare. Other circumstances of his grim warfare we learn to understand; under this atrocity we are always rebellious, no matter under what venerable phrases or what new philosophies we seek concealment. These last days have made us again conscious of this permanent resentment of the human spirit.

We have lost in Professor Edwards that member of the General Faculty who entered most fully and sympathetically into the student point of view, and who by untiring devotion to the Soldiers' Comforts Club and to the News Letter has saved to this University the love that might otherwise have grown cold with distance and estranging circumstance. As for Clara May Bell, it is hardly necessary for me to inform students of the University of Alberta of her manifold activities in the college life, and how cheerfully her talents have been given for the general good. The lives of these two are built into the very fabric of this institution; in distant years the early classes of this University will still cherish the memory of their service and achievement. And meantime their most enduring monument should be our loyal maintenance of the causes and traditions for which they lived; thus the sting of death is in part removed and a hollowness imparted to the victory of the grave.

I am told that Alex. Robertson is gone as well, the frank, jolly, and infinitely good-natured comrade whom we loved for his very boyishness, even when it ruffled our patience. For me personally many a tense moment in O.T.C. history was redeemed by a glimpse of the humorous wink that always lurked at such times in Alex's eye. His leaving of us in the morning of his life casts yet another shadow across the sunny path of happy recollections.

WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER

DEAN KERR ADDRESSES WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB

Discusses "The Changes in the English Educational System Since 1914"

Speaking to the Women's University Club, on Saturday afternoon last, Dean Kerr emphasized the fact that there are few phases of our national life which have not been subjected to the closest scrutiny during the past four years. It is evident that education is not one of these. In the Educational Bill, recently passed in the British House, are reflected the points which have been brought to light in that field as a result of the terrible experience to which the world has been subjected during the past four years. The first few months of recruiting in England showed the effect which child labor had had upon the manhood of the nation, while a few months of training in the army camps revealed a further weakness in the English educational system, which in providing for mental training had underestimated the value of physical exercise. While the condition of education in England, with its complicated system of public and private schools, providing for the well-to-do but ignoring largely the children of the working classes, may have been rather more hopeless than in our democratic Canadian system, nevertheless the two present many common problems and in proposed solutions for the one, the other is able to find many valuable pointers. The English Educational Bill introduced by Sir Herbert Fischer summarizes the changes which have taken place in elementary education in England since 1914, while reports of recently appointed commissions gave evidence of the fact, that radical steps are to be taken in regard to higher education as well.

The Bill, though revolutionary in many respects, leaves the old machine intact, only bringing it under central control. The old counties and boroughs control their own districts, yet through the government grant, the central authorities can call them to task for laxity in matters such as those

of attendance, medical inspection, or recreational facilities. The old "Public Schools," many of which date back to the destruction of the monasteries, are given the privilege of inspection—the implication being, that any school which evades inspection will be treated with suspicion. Thus it is hoped that none of the old schools will be crushed, but that all will be brought up to the standard of the government schools. The local boards are entrusted with the provision for recreational centres, public baths and holiday camps—this with the object of bringing all matters related to child welfare under one body. The "school" trustees become "child" trustees and one well integrated effort to bring up the child replaces the many charitable, yet divergent, attempts, which have hitherto prevailed.

Through the various grades from the nursery to the advanced elementary schools, the aim is to provide an equally liberal training for the body and the mind. Another most encouraging feature is noted in the provision for "Continuation Schools," in which those who become actively engaged in the "trades" after the age of sixteen shall be given an opportunity for further study. Their employers must allow them to devote some time each day to academic studies. It was this clause of the Bill which aroused the greatest contention in the debate. At first "Business" said it would destroy commerce, but gradually it came to see that great benefits would follow the creation of a healthier, more competent, and more intelligent body of working people at which the clause aimed.

The workman, in the routine of labor, would be given an opportunity to keep alive his intellectual interests.

In August of 1916, a commission was appointed to inquire into the position which modern languages held in the schools of England and Wales. The chairman of the commission was Mr. Stanley Lees, and associated with him were sixteen persons, mostly of a classical education, and none of them were actively engaged in teaching.

The commission interviewed representatives of the commercial and industrial world, of diplomatic circles as well as officials of the army and navy, while a visit was made to all of the universities of England and Wales with the exception of Birmingham. In April, 1918, their report was published and it represents the greatest document ever issued on the modern language question.

The practical side of the problem is given greatest attention, but it must be remembered that the investigation was made during practical times. Among attention to the following points:

1. The usefulness in the business world of a knowledge of modern languages. Houses dealing with Spain and South America must have employees who are familiar with the Spanish language.

2. In the case of diplomatic servants the importance of modern languages is paramount.

3. Any country should not rely on its own domestic store of knowledge.

4. It is only through a knowledge of their languages that we can understand the mental attitude of foreign peoples.

The various modern languages were grouped by the commission in respect to their importance. In a major group were placed French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian. As being of minor importance the Portuguese, Norse, Dutch, Roumanian, and Oriental tongues were mentioned.

In regard to the instruction in languages the commission made the following recommendations:

1. That no instruction be given in the elementary schools, with the possible exception of French, which might be started at the age of twelve, but not earlier.

2. That English teachers, trained abroad, be employed.

3. That each teacher be required to teach one language only.

4. That the history and geography of the country concerned be taught by the language teachers, thus vitalizing literature by its proper background.

5. That there be instituted immediately fifty-five full professorships and one hundred and ten secondary posts for university work in modern languages.

Another field which has been subjected to investigation is that of the Natural Sciences. A commission with J. J. Thomson as chairman, recently gave a report on this subject, which contains many points of interest.

In regard to the teaching of Natural Sciences, the commission recommended that instruction be given pupils from the age of twelve to sixteen, the subjects of chemistry and physics to be dominant during this period, along with some biology. Further, there seems to be an attempt to relate mathematics to the natural sciences, and to rescue it from the somewhat isolated position which it now occupies.

The status of scientific research at the time of the investigation was greatly deplored by the commission. It advised that no person be permitted to carry on research work until he possessed the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In view of the very scanty endowments for research, the commission advocated the immediate establishment and equipment of research laboratories in all parts of the country. It was also recommended that research workers should not be called upon for teaching purposes but that they should be allowed to devote themselves entirely to investigation.

Alberta Re Union (continued) throughout the term.

In the university are about fifteen students from the U. of A. and with the flying corps men there has always been a fairly large field from which to draw.

The "Toronto Alumni" challenge all centres where Alberta students are to be found to organize as virile an organization for the preservation of Alberta teachings, Alberta purposes and Alberta ideals.

W.F.G.
Those present were: Margaret A. Fairley, Agnes A. Curtin, Med. 20; Esther Marjorie Hill, A. 16; Isabel Ayer, Med. 20; P. L. F. Riches, A. 20; E. Hughes, Sc. 20; Harry C. Clark, A. 15; Edward Wm. Scott Kane, A. 20; D. Roland Michener, A. 20; E. S. Robinson, A. 20; W. F. Beamish, M. 20; Alan B. Harvey, A. 19; R. M. Pollock, A. 20; A. W. Valens, M. 18; M. E. Tiffin, Med. 19; H. Fisher, A. 15; T. Taylor, A. 15; R. D. Hewson, Med. 19; J. Willard McKinney, A. 17; Norman A. Clark Ag. 18; N.F.W. Graham, A. 15; M. 19; W. D. Woodhead Barker Fairley, W. M. Peterson, A. 16; W. F. Gillespie, A. 14, M. 20.

THE GATEWAIL

Our Slogan: "The Prince of Wails."

And, for a proper opening, you could not well improve on "Jacks or better."

We are c. 2 k. what you will think of the fact that the first signer of a list of prospective members of the Rifle Club was I. Gunn.

A poetaster admirer of our très bon Jacobus pens the following perfervid eulogy.

LINES TO JAMES THE JANITOR

To thee all hail!
 High chieftain of the pushers of the broom,
 Grand vizier of white-coated moppers-up,
 Custodian in extraordinary
 A sublimated spiritual essence,
 Of all the trunk-room's varied noisomeness.
 As of Old Dutch Cleanser,
 Distils itself before you as you go.
 In former days when I was wont to plug
 You piloted that thrice-accursed machine,
 The polisher, in many devious ways
 Throughout my corridor, until its row
 Drove thought away and caused the time next day
 At which the tests commenced to be true zero hour.
 Most every dawn at seven-ten, or twelve,
 You wakened me to chill reality,
 And early morning Bulletin again.
 Twas better thus or ignominiously
 I should have missed my blithesome eight oclocks
 Fair orderer of trucks
 And friend of mine,
 Philosopher par excellence
 May Heaven endue the femmes with saving grace
 That in our present great extremity
 When all the males have gone to Pembina
 And you alone remain,
 They may be worthy of you, James,
 And treat you well,
 Forgetting not odd fudge and El Roi Tans
 And coppers, for the nippers back at home;
 That things mundane may move harmoniously
 And plenty reign till we come back to you.

Dr. Tucker of the Med. Trust when interviewed said
 "Certainly the worm will turn. Consider the angle-worm."
 Quick, Cooper, the knife.

Over in the Med. Building a rare and beautiful character has recently taken up his abode. He is a reptile, of the garter variety, and rejoices in the homely appellation of Bill. Bill appeared one morning, from no one knows where and his subsequent actions were such as to indicate that he contemplated passing the winter with his newly-found hosts. Though widely travelled, cultured to a degree and of great age (he confesses to 93 years) he at once, with characteristic kindness, fraternised with the unenlightened Meds. giving them the benefit of his wisdom, assisting them when they were, in their simple phraseology, "up against it" and, with a measure of success, endeavoring to restore to them the self-respect shorn from by their professors. Having had several opportunities to hold converse with him and being impressed by the clarity of his views and the attractive quality of his philosophy

ALBERTA COLLEGE

The college year opened with great promise, having a much longer enrolment of academic students than in previous years. The members of the faculty are the same as last year with the exception of Miss Trotter, who resigned to open classes in Winnipeg. We regret her departure exceedingly. Miss Trego has been appointed to take the work in Expression and Physical Culture.

On Friday, October 4, a most happy time was spent in the drawing room where resident and non-resident students had a "get-acquainted" social, arranged by the faculty. We also had the pleasure the same evening of renewing old acquaintances in the persons of Revs. Fred Cook and Jack Geeson, B.A., both being very reminiscent in their remarks.

Like all other institutions, we suffered very heavily from the ravages of the flu, and it would seem as though the end is not yet. We are thankful, however, that thus far our ranks are unbroken. We much regret that our annual "reception" to the freshmen was cancelled on account of the epidemic. However, we hope to make them all feel "one of us" early in the New Year. The girls were only half-way through their initiation ceremony when orders came to hurry to the train to escape quarantine.

Since lectures were resumed we have been pleased to add three more theologues to our little "army of contemptible," these being E. Barnecut, M. G. Newton and Sam Marshall, the latter having just returned from training with the R.A.F., Toronto.

Now that we are rejoicing at the cessation of hostilities, we look forward to the return of our lads from "over there." Many are already on their way and we hope for a grand reunion before the end of the college year. We much regret that on account of the influenza we could not celebrate at college, the great day November 11, and so commemorate a date which so many of the A.C. men have made possible by their sacrifices. However, we hope for a "big day" near the end of the year, when "Chika Rika" will be rendered as in days of yore. We never pass our old college building without a great longing to be back home, and trust this yearning will be realized at a not far distant date.

Our activities have been so far very slim on account of the "ban" on all functions. But we have commenced our short vesper service each evening after dinner, conducted by the students. Also fellowship service on Sunday morning, 9:15 to 10. To these services we extend a most cordial invitation to all varsity as well as college students.

we made strenuous efforts to secure a promise of regular contributions to this colyum and are now happy to announce that we have been successful. One condition was imposed, however, Bill being a temperamental sort of cuss, that all work be published in the form received, and this merits an explanation. In operating our typewriter (an Oliver) Bill is obliged to twine his latter one-third about the space key, which serve him as a base. Thus he unable to operate the spacer. As he strikes the keys with his head and cannot depress more than one at a time the figure and, capital shifts are also denied him. The characters open to him at present, therefore, are the twenty-six letters, the comma and the dash. Science admirers of Bill's are working on the problem of making the entire resources of the machine available to him but up to the present their efforts have been unsuccessful. Suggestions from any interested persons who are mechanically-minded would, we feel sure, be appreciated.

BILL THE SNAKE SAYS: —

rooming - in - the - woolworth-tower-might-well-be-viewed-as
 high-living,

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EDITORIALS

If this issue of this periodical is not all that our readers feel it should be, we bespeak their leniency towards the editor on behalf of that long-suffering individual. Following the precedent established by at least two of his predecessors he has taken to a sick-bed during the chaotic period of evolution of the first number and is to be held in no way responsible for matter or make-up, excepting the sentiments expressed hereunder. The remainder is directly chargeable to his assistant and that august and awesome body, the staff.

Attend the Students' Union meetings. Arrangements have been completed for the giving over to the students of one hour every fortnight for transaction of union business. This hour must be taken on a drill day and between the hours of 12 and 1.

The annual budget will be presented for discussion to the meeting on Wednesday, December 18. With all student organizations making plans for extending their work an interesting time may be expected in the allocation of funds to the satisfaction of all. Everyone turn out and assist in the work.

Like the majority of college papers, The Gateway has been handicapped by the shadow of war. So many and so varied have been the demands to service that all student activities were closely related to the all-absorbing struggle. Our whole editorial policy was directed with one aim in view, "to carry on" with might and main till the dawn of better days.

Rather abruptly and sooner than most of us had dared to hope, the shadow is lifted and we are able to resume our normal work. As the official organ for the expression of undergraduate opinion, we are entering upon a new era. Very few of our students have attended university under other than war conditions. Traditions and standards of pre-war days are almost forgotten and new ones must take their places. The university not only must train leaders for general lines of reconstruction, but work out reconstruction problems of its own. This year therefore becomes one of the most critical in our existence. A few senior men have returned from active service. These can assist very materially in establishing proper standards of action. But junior men must bear the heavier share of the burden. It is our plan to invite contributions on these problems of reconstruction.

Our first issue has been unavoidably delayed for several reasons. Our staff was sadly depleted by the calls for military service. The closing of the university for seven weeks at the point where our plans for publication were assuming definite shape and the ravages of influenza were too much for us. We sincerely hope that by our second issue we will have everything working smoothly, and with a healthy financial condition to start we look for a prosperous year.

THE GATEWAIL

It was noticed
That very few
Mothers
Whose sons will
Not come back
Were exuberant
About peace
Though it has been
In their prayers
For four years
And some one
Remarked to us
That among those
Who made the
Welkin ring
Loudest
Were the class
Whose exemptions
Expired on
Nov. 15th.

Not that we are his manager or an'thin' but we'll say
Dan Webster is there.

I thank you

Clarence

The Christmas Store

This year one's lists of Christmas gifts is divided under two heads—a list for the men at home and the men in uniform. It has been our endeavor to provide suitable gifts for each.

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MEDICAL STUDENTS' CLUB

You have all heard, no doubt, about the Medical Students' Club. You have heard more than a little bit but you have not heard all. The Club really has not a lengthy history but is fast making a history and at the same time it is taking and will take a large part in making the history of the University proper. It has always been a working organisation, aiming "to co-operate at all times in advancing the interests of the University and of University life"—quoting from its constitution, and that needs no further elucidation.

The Club also aims "to develop the knowledge and broaden the outlook of its members along general as well as medical lines" by having addresses from members of the medical and allied professions and the Club members have indeed profited to that extent by listening to the able men and women who have appeared before them in the past.

The following are the officers of the Society for this term.

Honorary Pres. Dr. H. C. Jamison
President W. J. Darrance
Sec.-treas. E. S. Sarvis

3rd year representative, Miss Margaret Wilson.

2nd year representative, Mrs W. D. Graham.

1st year representative, J. W. Lang.

The Medical Club like its sister organisations, has been enjoying a state of inactivity this term on account of the epidemic but although it is more or less inert it is not given to sloth and at present it has some large plans for the future.

Some of these will interest the entire student body, not the least of them being the Undergraduate Dance which if it takes place, is to be given by the Medical Students. The date set was January 1st 1919 but the current rumors is, that it is uncertain, now. "C'est le Flu." ("Flu" is Spanish, Dr. Cooper informs us). Then there is the Med. Play, which is already under way, to be given at a later date. Who has yet forgotten "The Doctor's Ghost" and Redel's corn-cob pipe? The play this term promises to be even more interesting and remember, "there shall be no more darkness after Med-night".

Overheard in Athabasca Hall

Hello, is that the Bay? Will you please send over half a dozen ladies' handkerchiefs? What color? Oh just like this one here. Freshette pulls a dainty lace contraption from a pocket and waves it airily at the transmitter.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Last spring when the Allied fortunes were at their lowest ebb our leaders clung to the vision of success and victory was the result. This same spirit to win in face of adverse conditions animates the officers of the University Literary Society in all its branches. If every student becomes imbued with this enthusiasm why should we not excel the accomplishments of former years? The various clubs of the Literary Department are now organized and plans for the term's activities are nearing completion.

After some years of hibernation the Debating Club is appearing again, and with Miss Stubbs as president and C. Dalbridge as secretary, our future Ciceros and Gladstones will have ample opportunity and encouragement to show their possibilities. May the time soon return when Alberta will gain laurels by debating with other universities. Meanwhile, let's prepare.

"Bigger and better than ever" is the motto of the Glee Club and Orchestra, and nothing short of perfection in the ideal. Working in close co-operation, these two organizations are fortunate in having secured Mr. W. J. Hendra as joint conductor. Interesting music of a high order is being obtained and those who wish to secure places on these clubs should communicate with the executives or be at the initial rehearsals on December 30. The orchestra is under the direction of President Vango and Secretary Miss E. Schade, with Mr. Chadsey as librarian. John T. Jones, president of the Glee Club, is ably supported by a committee consisting of T. H. Hagerman, secretary; Miss Bessie Gardiner, librarian, Miss Simpson, and A. Donaldson.

On the 13th of December an important meeting of the Dramatic Society was held for the purpose of discussing problems arising from the shortness of the term. Those present were in favor of carrying on and after some discussion it was decided that the Dramatic Society should produce at least one good play this term and that the question of holding the customary members' meetings

Y. W. C. A.

The members of the Executive of the Y. W. C. A. had a week end conference at Cooking Lake October 5th, 6th to make the final arrangements for the year's program. There will be one meeting each month with talks by prominent men and women on such topics as Reconstruction after the war, Social Problems and others of vital interest to all.

Four classes in Bible Study have been organized. Mrs Race has consented to take the first and second non resident girls again this year and Dr. Sheldon the first year resident girls.

There will be a class for the second year resident girls and Rev. A. S. Tuttle will lead the senior class. Last year these classes proved of great interest and we are looking forward to even a better season this year.

At the beginning of the session a welcome was given to the new girls. Miss E. M. Lowe, western student secretary, was with us and very ably presented the purpose of the Y. W. The convenors of the Social, Bible Study, Mission Study and Social Service committees gave a general outline of the work in their departments for the year.

At the first meeting after the New Year, the reports from Lumsden Beach and Cooking Lake Conferences will be given. We are also planning to show on the screen some of the snap shots taken.

be decided by the executive. This executive consists of Miss Tharp, president; A. B. Harvey, vice-president, and John T. Jones, secretary.

The whole Literary Department is under the guidance of President G. H. Clark and an executive composed of Miss E. Schade, secretary; Miss B. Gardiner; Mr. James Jones, and the presidents of the affiliated clubs. Meetings of the Literary Society will occur fortnightly, commencing with a New Year's entertainment on January 1. Be there.

WAUNEITAS

Each for All.

All for Each.

Heartiest Christmas Greeting to all! Once again with glad hearts we say, aye, almost shout, "Peace and Good Will!" The kindly Christmas spirit has us all in its grasp and indeed, who could wish to resist?

Then, too, there is the new hope for the future, that there will be many more, even happier Christmases.

Isn't it funny how everyone seems to be looking forward to those holidays? We even suspect that some have curious parcels tucked carefully into home-made Christmas stockings and the spirit of giving seem to be inseparable. What would Christmas be without its traditions?

The only activity of the Wauneitas this year has been their annual reception to the freshettes, which took place early in October. True to the customs of an Indian tribe, the event is shrouded in mystery. One does hear occasional murmurings of ill-treatment, but it is the general opinion that the evening was an enjoyable one and something not to be missed.

We are glad to welcome back several of our braves. Miriam Bowman has decided to start her post-graduate course at once, instead of waiting until the New Year. Grace Stewart is also taking post-graduate work with special emphasis on geology. Winnie Martin is continuing her third year work. Basketball prospects are brightening!

The Big Chief of last year, Lillian Cobb, paid us a hurried visit last week. We understand she spent a week in the city. We are sorry not to have seen more of her.

The hearts of the Wauneitas are deeply grieved by the loss of one of their number, Clara May Bell. She was one of our most true and faithful members, living to its full extent that for which society stands, kindheartedness.

The status of the Wauneita Society was raised at the Students' Union meeting last spring. Two of its executive, the president and secretary treasurer, now form a part of the council. The society enters its year's work with a confidence that it will play a greater part than ever in the lives of the women students.

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ATHLETICS

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held in 142 Arts, on Dec. 10th, with Pres. Caldwell in the chair. The purpose of the meeting was to organise the men's athletics for the year.

Dean Howes was present and gave a very interesting speech. Dean Howes touched on the work of the late Prof. Edwards, whose influence on the athletics of the University was that of the true gentleman and sportsman, and felt sure that the standard which he set will never be lowered. In his address he pointed out that there should be an unceasing endeavour on the part of the Association to maintain a spirit of fairplay, to win graciously, but to take defeat like men.

The organization of the Hockey Club was then proceeded with, the officers elected being as follows:

Pres. S. B. Smith
Vice-Pres., J. F. Lehmann.
Sec. C. G. Martin
Mgr. Junior Team W.N. McClellan

The appointment of a manager for the Senior team was left over as it was thought that a better man could be secured after a few practices when the various possibilities would show to better advantage. An inter-faculty hockey league was discussed. This will give the "near and would be" stars a chance to rise to fame and also help the sportmanlike spirit referred to above. The rink is now open; tickets \$1.50. Have you yours?

The Basketball club next in order with the following elected as officers:

President C. W. Banks.
Vice-Pres., G. F. Young.
Sec., K. L. Craig.
Manager T. E. H. Patteson.

There has been a strong Basketball league formed in the city, and with many of the city's former stars back to the fold, these should be some interesting developments in this league during the winter. The House league will run again this year. A team composed of those living close to the Varsity is expected to be a participator in this race for fame. A practise game was played against the Y.M.C.A. Saturday last. The Varsity team needs more practice to put them in shape, but with the material on hand we should be able to put up a good argument.

It was decided that as the present term would extend well into the spring that there would be a chance to get baseball on a

running basis. The following executive will handle this end of the program for the year's sports.

President E. Miller
Vice-President E. M. Cooper.
Secretary C. G. Martin
Mgr. H. E. Stanton.

The Boxing and Wrestling Club and also the Rifle Club will be organized if a sufficient number signify their desire that such be done by signing the cards on the bulletin board.

It is to be hoped that the shortness of the term will not detract from the run and order of this year's Athletics. We are assured on every hand that we must study hard to make up for lost time. To do this we must keep in good shape physically, therefore get out and exercise, fill your lungs with fresh air. This is a good way too, of erecting a defence against our enemy the flu.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The larger number of women students enrolled gives promise of a greater interest in athletics this year than there has been before. It is expected a good showing will be made in all sports.

Before the closing of the university, Miss Fabb had been planning a field day, but unfortunately this could not be held and cold weather prevents it now.

Basketball enthusiasts will be glad to know that Miss Martin is back in her old position as president of basketball. All of last year's senior team are here, and the junior team has most of its members. There is enough good material to arouse great enthusiasm, for places on the teams. An effort is being made to have Mr. Race train the teams as he did last year, and Miss Fabb train the other girls thus giving more girls a chance to practice. The three practises so far have been well attended.

If possible there are to be several hockey teams formed so that enough girls will turn out to make practices worth while and to introduce a spirit of competition between the teams. So far little has been done towards getting a coach and having an hour set for hockey practice.

Some interest has been expressed by several girls in indoor baseball. As there are a baseball and bat there is no reason why some teams should not be formed.

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS CLUB

The Soldiers' Comforts Club held the first luncheon of the term on Friday, 13th December, when ten returned men were entertained. These were E. D. Emery, M.M., Sgt. H. G. Garrioch, Sgt. E. F. Henderson, J. G. Wells, G. F. Young, T. E. Corbett, Sgt. W. F. Carscallen, Pte. C. G. Reinhorn, all of the 11th Field Ambulance, and Lt. Sidney Wood, 54th Bn., and Pte. J. R. Drysdale, now discharged.

There have been several changes in the personnel of the club during the past few months. No words are adequate to express the club's sense of loss at the death of Prof. Edwards, its founder and president, and of Miss Clara May Bell, who, besides other work of various kinds in the interests of the club, was convener of the Welcome Committee. We shall miss them more than we can say. Dr. W. H. Alexander has kindly consented to act as president and editor of the News-Letter, and no one could fill Prof. Edwards' place better than he. Miss Gwynethe Tuttle has accepted the position of convener of the Welcome Committee, and Mrs. I. F. Morrison, whom we are glad to have among us again, will be convener of the Parcels Committee for this term in the place of Miss Helen B. Montgomery, who has gone south for the winter.

During the summer months the club carried on its activities as usual. Each week the News-Letter was sent to every university man on active service, wherever he might be, as well as to a number of subscribers who find the News-Letter the best means of keeping acquainted with the movements of our men. Over one

hundred parcels of socks were also sent, mostly to the men in France. Now the executive are busy getting the Christmas boxes sent off, or, more correctly speaking, the New Year boxes. The sending of these was unavoidably delayed owing to the closing of the University, but the Parcels Committee are now busy making them up and sending them off. Those to the men in France and Belgium contain a pair of socks, a box of chocolates, a cake of soap, two candles, a plug of tobacco, and a card of greeting.

Now that an armistice has been signed and there is prospect of peace, with the early return of our men, the club will, after Christmas, discontinue the sending of socks, but the News-Letter will be sent regularly until the last man is home and the time for a grand reunion is come. Until then the club needs and merits the support of every student in the university. In past years they have supported it generously, and it is hoped that this year they will not, because the end seems near, slacken their efforts.

Just one thing more. On going over the files of the News-Letter it was found that the following issues were missing: Vol. 1, No. 26, the issue for Sept. 23, 1916; Vol. 2, No. 14, July 1, 1917; No. 39, Dec. 29, 1917; No. 40, Jan. 5, 1918. If these numbers can be supplied, we shall have one copy

of the News-Letter complete from the beginning. As it is most desirable for historical purposes that there should be at least one complete copy, an appeal is made to all who read this to look up their files and if they can help fill the gaps, to do so. It would be interesting, too, to know how many complete files are in exist-

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The Sunday services were resumed on December 18, subsequent to the reopening of the University. Moved by the signing of the armistice and the scourge of influenza since last we met, Dr. Millar chose for his theme, "God," basing his remarks on Isaiah XL, 1-9. Drawing a parallel between the liberation of the Jews by the fall of Babylon and the successful struggle for freedom and democracy just closed he pointed out that the prophets taught these great fundamental lessons which we should all lay to heart: the reality of God; the realization of His purpose; His purpose holds, and God compels even His enemies to co-operate with Him to bring about His purpose. God is love, is not immune to suffering and has shared in the agony of this great war that the world might be brought nearer to Him.

Today our hearts are quiet before the Lord for those who have given their lives in the recent epidemic. "Let us not defile these services with the filthy rags of speech." They have bequeathed to us a rich legacy in this spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice in the words of Lincoln: "It is for us the living rather to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us;" the revealing of the Glory of God by the Christian ideals of our citizenship. Let not our high ideals be wrecked on the rocks of human selfishness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, The Gateway: —

Is it not now time that we seriously considered putting aside our adolescence and assuming, in part at least, the appearance and attitude of the men and women we purport to be?

The man on the street views our institution as one serving the needs of those from twelve to eighteen or nineteen years of age. How much of this attitude is due to the presence on our campus of an organisation whose interpretation of the term "lady" includes any female from the comparative senescence of six years upwards we shrink even from thinking, but the fact remains. And when one views "women students" (save the mark!) whose tresses still float unconfined save by a blue ribbon, such as Johnny was to fetch from the fair, one is forced to admit that the man on the street has a basis for his reasoning.

Our dining-room, admittedly a stately hall and possessed of the only permanent, Alberta Latin benediction has more than once been graced during the current session by a "man student" in short trousers, though this indignity is somewhat mitigated by the fact that said "student" is of Alberta College and may be presumed to have not, as yet, attained the crest of his trajectory, either physical or intellectual. In the telephone directory one sees "girls' phone" and "boys' phone". Let us put an end, for once and all, to "boys" and "girls" and their extrinsic boyishness and girlishness lest in the years that are to come we have juvenile prodigies alternating Mother Goose and the calculus or electrochemistry and Allenbury's Food. And while we are thus making the University safe for maturity might we not also reserve a squad a sunrise and a brick wall for any remaining specimens of "lady" and "gentlemen" students. These might well emulate the lamented dodo or Oliver Herford's purple cow.

Yours truly,

SPARTACUS

During the flu epidemic most of our divinity students were put on trains as health inspectors and they were sometimes mistaken (yes, that's the word) for doctors. One day an old woman approached one w.k. theologian thusly, "Influenza is caused by germs, isn't it, doctor?" "Yes, madam." "And did you ever find any germs when you were operating, doctor?"

ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF

Miss Mabel Patrick of Yorkton, Sask. honors graduate of the Department of Household Science of the University of Toronto has charge of this new department in our University.

For 3 years, she was lecturer in the Home Economics Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College. The enrolment in these new classes proves their popularity.

To take charge of the physical education of the women students Miss C. Fabb has been appointed. She is a graduate of Chelsea Physical Training College, London. Before coming to Canada she was physical Directress for a number of years in two of England's best known schools. Miss Fabb has also 4 years of experience in Canada being on the staff of Trafalgar School, Montreal.

In the Department of Physics Dr. Hammond has as his assistant Miss L. A. Smith, who is an honors graduate of McGill. During the past year Miss Smith held a similar position in her own University.

We are very glad to welcome Mr. Gordon back to his old position as Assistant Professor of English. For the past year he has been in Toronto doing war work in the form of Functional Re-education among the Returned Soldiers.

To replace Asst. Prof. Burt in history Mr. M. H. Long has been secured. Besides being an honors graduate of McGill, Mr. Long is a Rhodes Scholar and graduated with honors in history from Oxford.

For the past few years he has been head of the Department of History at the Victoria H. S., Edmonton.

Mr. A. W. Haddow, B.Sc., has been temporarily appointed to succeed the late Prof. Edwards. He is a graduate from Queen's University in civil and electrical engineering and has had wide experience along these lines. Since 1910 he has been with the City of Edmonton as Assistant city engineer.

Capt. Latimer B. S. A. received his training at the Agricultural College, Guelph. Graduating in the spring of 1914, he became connected with extension work until the fall of the same year when he enlisted for overseas. He was taken prisoner in 1916; during his stay in Germany he was taken to a number of camps.

Later he was exchanged because of his wounds and was in Switzerland for four months, returning to Canada in May, 1918.

He has been appointed as Assistant to Prof. A.A. Dowell in the Department of Animal Husbandry.

This fall the University has taken over the Correspondence Department from the Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary. This department will conduct correspondence courses for teachers in the province holding second class certificates and anxious to secure first class academic standing.

The staff consist of Miss J. M. Mc Bratney, formerly principal of Ottawa Ladies College, Miss M. McCuaig, B.A., McGill, Miss A. Norrington, B. Sc. Man.

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